

Claims

What is claimed is:

*Sub a* 1. A paint brush cleaning accessory comprising:

a support plate<sup>(12)</sup> having a number of brush handle passage  
5 openings<sup>(14)</sup> formed therethrough, a spring guide insert connected to a

top side of the support plate such that the exterior perimeter edge  
thereof is adjacent to each of the brush handle passage openings,

a paint brush support plate<sup>(16)</sup> connected to a top of the spring guide  
insert and having a number of inward curving brush handle receiving

10 notches equal to the number of brush handle passage openings, one  
brush handle receiving notch being positioned partially above one  
of the brush handle passage openings, and a handle retaining spring<sup>(18)</sup>

positioned around the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide  
insert and having the two spring ends thereof attached together to

15 form a closed loop; the brush handle retaining spring being  
sufficiently strong to retain a handle of a paintbrush pushed  
through a brush handle passage opening of the support plate and

*where* between the a handle retaining spring positioned around the  
exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert. The paint brush

20 cleaning accessory<sup>over</sup> (may optionally<sup>be</sup>) be provided with a hanging  
support structure in supporting connection with the support plate;

a compressional support/attachment structure in connection with a bottom side of the support plate, such as two or more can insert snaps extending from the bottom surface of the support plate; or both a hanging support structure and a compressional  
5 support/attachment structure.]

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